

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of facilitating searches in a data repository, the method comprising:
displaying a control in a computer user interface, the control ~~being capable of~~ presenting a plurality of predetermined search options that a user can select for execution, each search option specifying both an associated predetermined query to be performed on a data repository and an associated predetermined visual configuration for displaying a result of the predetermined query;
receiving input from the user when the user selects ~~selecting~~ one of the plurality of predetermined search options presented by the computer user interface control;
performing the predetermined data repository query associated with the selected predetermined search option and displaying the result of the predetermined query using the predetermined visual configuration associated with the selected search option.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the predetermined search options specify a common predetermined query and different predetermined visual configurations.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the predetermined search options that specify a common predetermined visual configuration specify different predetermined queries.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data repository comprises data that can be associated into any of a plurality of key figures, and wherein the predetermined query specifies a key figure to be determined from the repository data.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the repository data associated with the specified key figure can be organized according to a plurality of characteristics, and wherein the predetermined query specifies that the key figure data be organized according to at least one of the characteristics.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the predetermined query specifies at least two key figures to be determined from the repository data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data repository includes a result of an executed data repository query, and wherein the predetermined query is specified to be performed on the result.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the displayed control presents the predetermined search options in response to input received from the user.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the displayed control presents a user-defined search option.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the input received from the user comprises a single action using the displayed control.

11. (Canceled)

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15. (Currently amended) A method of facilitating drill down queries comprising:

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displaying a control in a computer user interface, the control being capable of presenting a plurality of predetermined drill down options that a user can select for execution, each predetermined drill down option specifying both a predetermined drill down query to be performed on data gathered in a database query and a predetermined visual configuration for displaying results of the drill down query;

receiving a command input by the user selecting a predetermined drill down option presented by the computer user interface control;

performing the predetermined drill down query associated with the selected drill down option on the data and displaying the results of the predetermined drill down query using the predetermined visual configuration associated with the selected predetermined drill down option.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the displayed control is capable of presenting at least one user-defined drill down option.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the displayed control comprises a drop-down list box that the user can activate to present the plurality of predetermined drill down options.

18. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising executable instructions that when executed instruct a processor to perform operations comprising:

display a control in a computer user interface, the control being capable of presenting a plurality of predetermined search options that a user can select for execution, each predetermined search option specifying both an associated predetermined query to be performed on a data repository and an associated predetermined visual configuration for displaying a result of the predetermined query;

receive input from the user selecting one of the plurality of predetermined search options presented by the computer user interface control; and

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perform the predetermined data repository query associated with the selected predetermined search option and displaying the result of the predetermined query using the predetermined visual configuration associated with the selected predetermined search option.

19. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 18, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

receive a user-defined search option and provide that the control is capable of presenting both the plurality of predetermined search options and the user-defined search option.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, further comprising executable instructions for managing the data repository.

21. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
displaying a control in a computer user interface, the control presenting a plurality of search options that may be selected by a user for execution, each search option of the plurality of search options specifying an associated query to be performed on a data repository and an associated visual configuration for displaying a result of the associated query;

querying the data repository according to the associated query specified by a search option selected from the plurality of search options by the user; and

displaying the result of the associated query using the associated visual configuration specified by the search option selected by the user; and

prompting the user to change one of the plurality of search options presented in the control or to define a new search option for presentation in the control, the new search option specifying both a new associated predetermined query to be performed on a data repository and a new associated predetermined visual configuration for displaying a result of the predetermined query.

22. (New) A method as in claim 1, further comprising prompting the user to change one of the plurality of search options presented in the control or to define a new search option

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for presentation in the control, the new search option specifying both a new associated predetermined query to be performed on a data repository and a new associated predetermined visual configuration for displaying a result of the predetermined query.

23. (New) A method as in claim 15, further comprising prompting the user to change one of the plurality of drill down options presented in the control or to define a new drill down option for presentation in the control, the new drill down option specifying both a new associated predetermined query to be performed on a data repository and a new associated predetermined visual configuration for displaying a result of the predetermined query.